

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2543–2549, and S. Res. 330–342. **Page S5706**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–121)

S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–117)

S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–118)

S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–119)

S. 2543, to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to lower prescription drug prices in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, to improve transparency related to pharmaceutical prices and transactions, to lower patients’ out-of-pocket costs, and to ensure accountability to taxpayers. (S. Rept. No. 116–120)

S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve.

S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5705**

Measures Passed:

National Emergency Declaration: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15,

2019, and the resolution was then passed in a roll call vote, 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 302).

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Federal Election Interference: Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to require certain measures to address Federal election interference by foreign governments.

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Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.: By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the inclusion of the provisions of S. 2118 (116th Congress) (relating to the prohibition of United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and requiring the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.).

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Survivor Benefit Plan: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 304), Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the conference on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 630A of the House amendment (relating to the repeal of a requirement of reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan survivor annuities by amounts of dependency and indemnity compensation).

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Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl: Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 316 of the Senate bill (relating to a prohibition on the use of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances for land-based applications of firefighting foam).

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Replenishment of Certain Military Construction Funds: By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate agreed to S. Res. 335, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th

Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to include the provisions contained in section 2906 of the Senate bill (relating to replenishment of certain military construction funds).

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Family and Medical Leave: By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 307), Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to consider potential commonsense solutions regarding family and medical leave, including voluntary compensatory time programs and incentives through the tax code.

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Measures Failed:

Paid Family Leave for Federal Personnel: By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 305), Senate failed to agree to S. Res. 333, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in subtitle B of title XI of the House amendment (relating to paid family leave for Federal personnel).

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Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 26, 2019, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, that the only amendment in order be Paul Amendment No. 942, and the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that at 12:15 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 942, and that following disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage.

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Scalia Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 309), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Hyten Nomination—Cloture: By 73 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 308), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Gen. John E. Hyten for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment

in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility in accordance with title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601: to be General.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, September 26, 2019, following disposition of H.R. 4378, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with the time until 1:30 p.m., equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 1:30 p.m., the post-cloture time on the nominations of Gen. John E. Hyten, and Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor, be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—309)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5712.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Houston, East Tennessee Livestock Center, Sweetwater, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Ron Kardel, West Liberty Foods, Walcott, Iowa, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation; Jayson L. Lusk, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics, West Lafayette, Indiana; Burton Pfliger, Roselawn Legacy Hampshires, Bismarck, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association; Trent Thiele, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Elma, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Shane Eaton, Eaton Charolais, Lindsay, Montana, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association.